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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government examined the matter in consultation with the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and the Collector of South Arcot and found that the proposal to excavate a new supply channel from the Alangal channel to Panampattu lake would not be feasible. They however agreed to carry out at their cost repairs to the masonry works in the abandoned supply channel to the Panampattu tank provided the ryots concerned first cleared the silt in the abandoned channel in consultation with the Public Works Department and also agreed to attend to the future maintenance of the channel under kudimaramat. The Collector of South Arcot was asked to inform the ryots accordingly."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government had any contact with the people and ascertained their views whether they are ready to de-silt the tank? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have informed the Collector and we have not heard from him anything definite till now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When, in this case, Government had come forward so generously to construct the defunct wall of the channel, would the Government come forward to de-silt the channel also instead of waiting for the villagers coming forward to do the same, which would not be possible in these days of dire poverty? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Collector did not recommend that because it would be uneconomic. Moreover the Panampattu Village Association has also agreed first to de-silt the channel. When we have asked for concrete information it is not forthcoming."

Governor's tour in the Tanjore district.

* 377 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred by the Government on the recent tour of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in the Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All expenses incurred on Governor's tours are met out of the grant 'Tour Expenses' included in the Government of India (Governor's Allowances and Privileges) Order, 1950.

" The total expenditure incurred on account of the Governor's tour in Tanjore district during the last week of October 1953 was Rs. 3,458–1–9."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த ரூ. 3,458-ல் அங்கு கவர்னர் வரும்போது ரோடுகளை ரிபேர் பண்ணுவதற்கும் அங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய மரங்களுக்கு வெள்ளைச் சாயம் அடித்ததற்கும் செலவழிக்கப்பட்ட தொகை சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member should be glad that at least on such occasions some attention is paid to these repairs." (Laughter.)

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" அங்குள்ள மரங்களுக்கு வெள்ளை அடித்திருப்பதால் அங்கு போகும் ஜனங்கள் அவைகளைக் கண்டு அவைகள் பேயோ பிசாசோ, என்று பயப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதனால் அப்படி செய்ததை திரும்பவும் அழிப்பதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is good, Sir, that people who go about at night time do think it dangerous to go on the road. If robbers have superstitions that if they were to go in the night, a devil or somebody might catch them, to that extent I welcome it." (Laughter.)

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" கவர்னர் அவர்கள் போகும்போது அங்கு மற்ற அதிகாரிகளும் வருகிறார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட அலவன்ஸும் இதில் சேர்ந்ததா என்பதை மந்திரி சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These expenses refer to Government's expenditure."

SRI S. RAMASWAMI NAIDU :—" On a point of order, Sir. May I know whether the Hon. Speaker has recognized the school boy method of showing hands to catch the eye of the Speaker? If it is so, will the Hon. Speaker order the discontinuance of that practice as it is very derogatory to the dignity of the House? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have told the House times out of number that hon. Members should not raise their hands to catch the eye of the Speaker."

Opening of an office for the registration of births and deaths at Manalurpet.

9-50 a.m. * 378 *Q.*—SRI A. MUTHUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for the opening of an office for the registration of births and deaths at Manalurpet, Tirukkoyilur taluk in South Arcot and if so, why it is being delayed?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Yes. The proposal is to be considered as a Part II Scheme for 1954–55."

Licence fee for mikes.

* 379 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have recently passed orders that any person who wishes to install mike arrangements temporarily in any place should remit Rs. 2 in a treasury and obtain a chalan receipt and produce the same before the Police authorities before such installation and if so, the reason for the same?